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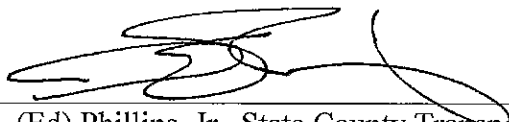
Joe McInnes
Transportation Director

May 28, 2009

MEMORANDUM 2009-15

TO: County Engineers

CC: Division Engineers and Division County Transportation Engineers

FROM: 
D.E. (Ed) Phillips, Jr., State County Transportation Engineer

RE: FHWA Emergency Repair (ER) Projects

FHWA rules specify that ER eligible costs are 100% reimbursable for work completed within 180 days following the declaration of an eligible disaster event. Thereafter, eligible costs are reimbursed at 80%. After discussion with the FHWA, the ALDOT Front Office, the ALDOT Office Engineer Bureau, and members of my staff, in an effort to streamline the process of contracting eligible repairs and therefore increase the likelihood of receiving 100% reimbursement, the decision has been made to allow county ER projects to be let locally. The county will now have the option to perform the repair work themselves and be reimbursed by force account, let the repair work to contract through State Services, or let the repair work to contract locally.

It is extremely important to note that if repair work is let to contract, Federal requirements for letting projects to contract must be followed. When let to contract through State Services, the Department follows and ensures that these requirements are followed. **SHOULD A COUNTY DECIDE TO LET THE REPAIR WORK TO CONTRACT, IT WILL BE INCUMBENT UPON THAT COUNTY TO ENSURE THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE FOLLOWED. FAILURE TO DO SO COULD CAUSE THE COST OF THE REPAIR WORK TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL ER REIMBURSEMENT.** Therefore, this office does not encourage a county to let repair work to contract locally unless they are confident they are aware of and can comply with these requirements.

In an effort to assist the ALDOT Divisions and the counties in becoming familiar with the Federal requirements, we will be hosting a workshop describing the processes and procedures that must be followed when letting a contract locally for Federal reimbursement. This workshop will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at 9:00am in Conference Room 6 & 7 in the ALDOT Central Office Complex in Montgomery. At this time, we encourage every Division, and counties affected by the Governor's emergency disaster declarations, dated March 30, 2009 and May 14, 2009 to attend.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter.

C: Mr. Joe McInnes, Transportation Director
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